

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A shock absorbing steering column of a low tilt type, the shock absorbing steering column having a steering shaft and a steering column tube for rotatably supporting the steering shaft, and supported by ~~to~~ a body at upper and lower portions of the steering column thereof to allow for tilt operation ~~in whole~~, the shock absorbing steering column comprising:

a lower mounting bracket fixed to the body;

a rotational bracket rotatably connected to the lower mounting bracket;

a slide bracket fixed to the steering column tube and having a long hole formed along a longitudinal direction of the steering column tube;

a connecting shaft passing through the long hole of the slide bracket and connected to the rotational bracket to support the slide bracket; and

a shock absorber that allows the slide bracket and the connecting shaft to perform a relative sliding movement with respect to each other when a vehicular collision occurs and absorbing a shock during a the sliding movement.

2. (Currently Amended) The shock absorbing steering column as set forth in claim 1, wherein the shock absorber comprises:

a groove formed at the long hole of the slide bracket; and

a bush positioned on ~~inserted onto~~ the connecting shaft and having a nose formed on the outer circumferential surface thereof so as to be inserted into the groove.

3. (Currently Amended) The shock absorbing steering column as set forth in claim 1, wherein the shock absorber comprises:

a deformation-inducing part provided on ~~in~~ the slide bracket; and

a strap for enclosing the deformation-inducing part in a "U" shape and having one end connected to the connecting shaft and the other end which is free.

4. (Currently Amended) The shock absorbing steering column as set forth in claim 2, wherein the shock absorber comprises:

a deformation-inducing part provided on ~~in~~ the slide bracket; and

a strap for enclosing the deformation-inducing part in a "U" shape and having one end connected to the connecting shaft and the other end which is free.

5. (Currently Amended) The shock absorbing steering column as set forth in claim 3, wherein the deformation-inducing part comprises:

a main deformation part enclosed in the "U" shape by the strap and inducing deformation of the strap so as to allow the strap to be continuously deformed into the "U" shape when the slide bracket performs a relative movement with respect to the connecting shaft when a vehicular collision occurs; and

a guide part for supporting the free end of the strap and guiding the strap so as to allow the strap to be continuously deformed into the "U" shape at the main deformation part.

6. (Currently Amended) The shock absorbing steering column as set forth in claim 4, wherein the deformation-inducing part comprises:

a main deformation part enclosed in the "U" shape by the strap and inducing deformation of the strap so as to allow the strap to be continuously deformed into the "U" shape when the slide bracket performs a relative movement with respect to the connecting shaft when a vehicular collision occurs; and

a guide part for supporting the free end of the strap and guiding the strap so as to allow the strap to be continuously deformed into the "U" shape at the main deformation part.